(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): During the last three years 31 fishing trawlers have been imported and the amount spent is Rs. 2419 lakhs approximately.

**Water to Madras City under the Telugu Ganga Project**

3170. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the propostal to give water to Madras city under the Telugu-Ganga Project has been finalised;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal; and

(c) by when the Telugu-Ganga project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Telugu-Ganga, Project *inter alia* envisages supply of water for Madras City. The proposal has not been finalised because the techno-economic clearance cannot be given until the inter-State issues are resolved and clearance from the environmental and forest conservation angles has been obtained by the State Government.

**Potable Water to Villages**

3171. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages provided with potable water during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what was the target for the Sixth Plan; and

(c) what are the targets set up for the supply of potable water during Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) During the Sixth Plan 1,92,024 problem villlages were provided with drinking water facilities.

(b) During the Sixth Plan, the aim was to cover 2,30,784 problem villages.

(c) During the Seventh Plan, the target is to cover approx. 227000 problem villages.

**Setting up of Soda Ash Plant at Phulpur**

3172. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December, 1981 the then Minister of Agriculture had announced that a Soda ash plant would be set up by the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Co-operative Limited at Phulpur; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not setting up of the plant so far.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) We have no records to show that the then Minister of Agriculture had made such an announcement. However, IFFCO had been granted a letter of Intent in 1982 for setting up a Soda ash/ammonium chloride plant at Phulpur. The plant could not be set up mainly due to the folowing reasons:—

(i) The project envisaged utilisation of surplus ammonia and carbon dioxide from the existing amonia plant after meeting the full requirements of urea plant, but operation of the existing ammonia plant during the past four years has not yielded any surpluses;

(ii) The plant was to be based on indigenous technology, which has not stabilised at a high level of production;

(iii) The project cost has escalated by about Rs. 20 crores and might increase further if imported technology has to be used. This